



## U.S. Department of Transportation

### SITUATION REPORT, ESF #1 - TRANSPORTATION

#### OPERATIONAL STATUS

**Agency:** DOT

**\*Op Status** Yellow - Disruption or other than normal operations

**\*Report #:** DOT-HQ-10

**\*Related Event:** Seattle Earthquake -- 2/28/01

**Status as of:** 03/06/2001 at 09:38

**Region/Office:** Headquarters

**Distribution Level:** Open - For Public Release

**Situation Summary:** FEDERAL EFFORTS ARE NOW IN THE FULL RECOVERY STAGE. FUTURE AIM REPORTS WILL BE PROVIDED ONLY IF SIGNIFICANT DEVELOPMENTS INVOLVE TRANSPORTATION SYSTEMS.

- On March 1, the President issued a Federal Disaster Declaration for six counties: King, Kitsap, Lewis, Mason, Pierce and Thurston. These counties are eligible for Federal Disaster Assistance.
- A Disaster Field Office in Olympia, WA is now operational. Hours of operations are 10:00a.m. to 10:00 p.m. EST. The Region 10 RETREP and a small team is representing ESF #1 (Transportation).
- FEMA stood down the headquarters Emergency Support Team (EST) at 12:00 p.m. Monday, March 5, 2000.

#### TRANSPORTATION IMPACT

**Air:**

- SEA-TAC: now operating at near-regular capacity, using the portable control tower. Contracts were signed for the repair of the original tower. Construction is estimated to be complete in 60 days.
- Boeing Field: The airport is at reduced operations, restricted by the length of usable runways. Repair work on the main runway commenced yesterday, March 5, with no completion time estimated.
- Estimates for the repair of the two airports are as follows:  
SEA-TAC tower = \$3M  
Boeing Field tower = \$3M  
Boeing Field runway = \$2.5M
- FAA NW Mountain Regional Office is certified structurally fit for occupancy.

**Rail:** Normal operations.

**Highways:** All Interstates are open with the following exceptions:

- The ramps onto eastbound I-90 in Seattle are closed due to structural damage but this is having little impact to traffic as alternate routes are available.
- I-5 has an overweight load restriction in the counties of Cowlitz, Lewis, Pierce, and Thurston due to minor damage to bridges on the route. The bridges are open to all other traffic except overweight loads.

**Marine:**

- The US Coast Guard estimates damages to the Pier 36 facility at \$3.5

million.

- There are some restrictions of barge/tug operations at three bridges on the Duwamish Waterway (Spokane St, First Avenue and Sixteenth Avenue) that are unable to open.

**Transit:** - Washington State Ferries are running normal schedules.  
- Operations are near normal in most bus systems in Western Washington. There is some re-routing due to damaged roadways.

**Pipelines:** Normal operations.

**Motor Carrier** Not applicable.

**Safety:**

**Highway Traffic** Not applicable.

**Safety:**

#### ACTIONS TAKEN

**What actions have been taken?** - The Office of Emergency Transportation is continuing to monitor this situation.  
- The Regional Emergency Transportation Representative (RETREP) transferred his multi-modal team to the DFO in Olympia today.

#### INTERNATIONAL TRANSPORTATION INCIDENTS

##### International transportation incidents:

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